

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Enclosed in this letter is an overview of all the exciting learning your child will be completing this half term.

Our topic for this term is 'Raging Rivers'. The children will be learning about both the physical and human geography of rivers.

If you require any further information about your child's learning, please speak to any member of the Year 5 staff.

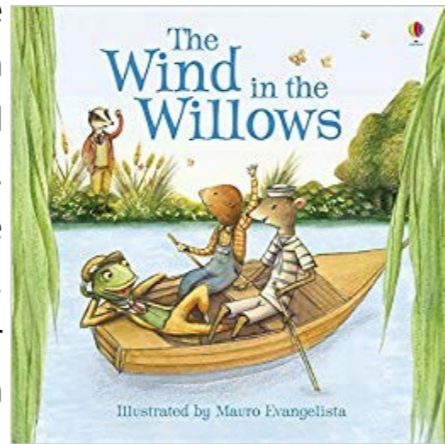
Yours sincerely,

Miss Yoxall and Mrs Kent

Year 5 Staff

Literacy

Our learning will be based around the text 'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame, which focuses on four great friends (Toad, Mole, Rat and Badger) and their adventures in the countryside. The children will recount parts of the story from the perspectives of key characters from within the text. When reading, the children will develop their inference skills and focus on the effect of an author's vocabulary choices.



Mathematics

During the half term, the children will:

- ◆ Develop their understanding of place value in whole numbers and decimal numbers.
- ◆ Round whole numbers and decimal numbers.
- ◆ Convert between units of measure.
- ◆ Practise their written calculation skills.
- ◆ Balance equations.
- ◆ Solve problems by interpreting the data presented in a range of charts and graphs.



Science

In Science this half term, Year 5 will be learning about Living Things and Their Habitats, including:

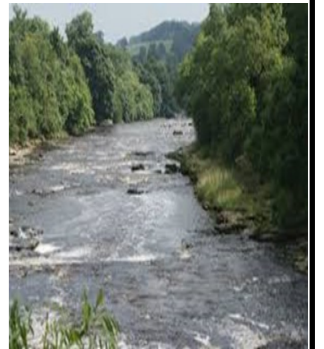
- ◆ How to dissect a flower
- ◆ Ways that plants reproduce and how new plants grow.
- ◆ Insect and amphibian life cycles.
- ◆ Mammalian and bird life cycles for two local species.
- ◆ Animal reproduction.



Creative Curriculum

During our topic, Raging Rivers, the children will learn about:

- ◆ The physical geography of rivers.
- ◆ The water cycle.
- ◆ Using of maps and atlases, including grid references, symbols and keys.
- ◆ Settlement and land use around rivers.
- ◆ Economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.



Personal, Social, Religious and Emotional Development



In Religious Education, Year 5 will learn about religious and non-religious groups' beliefs about God. The children will explore their own ideas about the nature and existence of God. As part of the 'Values Versus Violence' programme, the children will be investigating different types of emotions and what positive strategies they can use when they find themselves in a negative situations.

PE

During PE lessons, Year 5 will focus on introducing and developing basic skills for playing tag rugby. In all games activities, pupils will think about how to use core skills and apply basic tactics in order to attack the opposition. The children will learn to make informed decisions during small sided games and plan attacking ideas.



Other Information

Home Learning

Home Learning will be sent home on a Friday and will be collected in on the following Tuesday. If home learning is not returned to school on time or the children require additional support, they will be asked to attend a Home Learning Club on a Wednesday lunchtime.

Spellings

Spellings are sent home on a Friday to be learnt in preparation for a test the following Friday.

Home Reading

Every child has been given a reading book and reading journal. Please encourage your child to read a variety of materials, such as newspapers and magazines. Reading journals need to be returned to school every Tuesday for monitoring.

PE

PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has their pumps or trainers in school. The children may wear tracksuit bottoms for outdoor lessons. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons.



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